

## IDAHO EDITOR HAS GOOD WORDS FOR US

After Visiting Salem, Writes His Favorable Impressions of City

Charles O. Finch, editor of the Idaho County Courier, Fairfield, Idaho, who is making an auto trip throughout the north-west, recently visited Salem. He wrote for his newspaper his impressions. The article was copied to the Idaho Free Press, Nampa, with this comment: "In a letter to his paper last week he wrote a readable article about Salem, Oregon, that it is reproduced here as follows." The following is what Mr. Finch wrote:

It is entirely meet, fitting and proper that a state which possesses the manifold attractions, resources and potentialities of Oregon should have a state capital of which every citizen could justly be proud, and this is exactly what Oregon has. The founders of the state certainly used keen discrimination in selecting the site, and the builders have exercised equal judgment in improving the location, to which nature has been exceedingly generous.

### Beautiful Willamette

Those travelers have seen a large number of rivers in their going up and down the country, but do not recall one which possesses more natural beauty and attractiveness than the Willamette, on whose banks Salem is located. Back from the level floor of the valley lie the rolling hills, covered with the orchards which have made the valley famous for its fruit, and back further on the east lies the Cascade range, with its snow-capped peaks and well nigh impenetrable forest, while to the westward lies the coast range, also densely covered with forests of merchantable timber.

The soil of the valley is of great (Continued on page 3.)

## FESTIVAL EXPENSE BUDGET ARRANGED

Promoters Believe Receipts From Pageant "Rosaria" Will Pay Bills

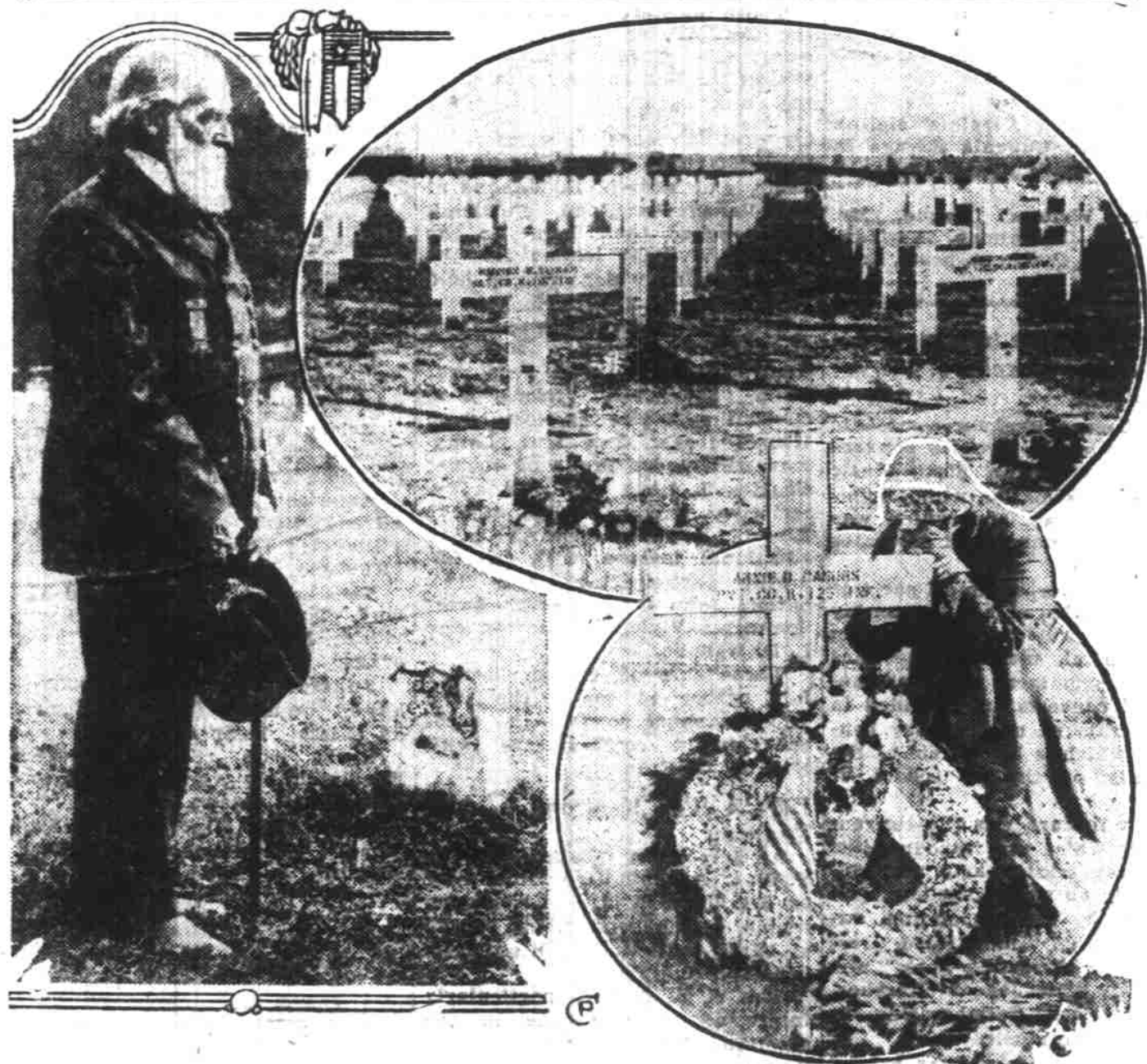
All events for the 1927 Rose Festival to hold the amusement boards of Portland from June 13 to 18, will be free with the exception of the pageant "Rosaria." The proceeds from the five night performances of the great spectacle will serve to finance the entire week of attractions and provide a sinking fund to assure the festival and pageant to be produced next year and succeeding years on a grander scale each year.

"Plans have been made to fix the admission prices to "Rosaria" so that all persons may attend and by the number of these admissions, the entire expense of the festival be paid," said Frank C. Riggs, president of the Portland Rose Festival, Inc.

The two great parades, the floral on Thursday and the Merry-khans on Friday, will be free on the streets. For those wishing to view the parades at Multnomah stadium an admission charge will be made. For reserved seats the price will be 75 cents. Twenty thousand seats for parades will be available at 25 cents each.

Everything else during the week will be free to the public including the impressive police review at the stadium at 10 o'clock Monday morning, June 13, followed by a parade in the business section. The crowning of the Queen of the Rose Festival at Laurelhurst park, formal opening of the festival center, fireboat exhibition, military parade and air circus and other opening day features are all free. Tuesday the opening of the Rose show in the Auditorium, Chinese baby show, Oriental Chinatown carnival and many other downtown features will serve to thrill and entertain crowds Tuesday and Wednesday will be the pageant at Laurelhurst park, when a thousand Portland girls will present "The Fairy Rose."

## NATIONS PAY TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER DEAD



Decoration Day, when the hatreds of war are forgotten and friend and foe join to do homage to the soldier dead, finds few of the men who wore the blue and the gray in '61 left to pay tribute to their fallen comrades. Left, a white-bearded G. A. R. veteran stands silent at the grave of a soldier friend. Above, a section of Bony Cemetery, France, where the white crosses, "row on row" mark the graves of American boys who fell in a major engagement of the 27th Division. Right, below, a sister kneels, weeping, at the grave of her brother buried on French soil. Since few Americans who have lost their boys in the Great War are able to go to France on Memorial Day, the French themselves are observing the day and the graves of the Americans, as well as theirs, are decorated with flowers.

## MUSIC ASSOCIATION BOOSTS POPULATION

Recent Growth of Redlands Attributed to Such Derived Advantages

That musical advantages make a community a more desirable place in which to live was again demonstrated in connection with the closing of the season of winter concerts under the auspices of the Community Music Association at Redlands, California. On that occasion a group of the town's business men made a presentation to the association's president, Mrs. G. E. Mullen, upon the eve of her departure for a European trip. In presenting the gift, a substantial check to be used in the course of her journey, Lyman M. King, declared: "I have heard some of our most substantial and far-seeing business men say that you have done more than any other one person in bringing Redlands to the front in that way which is most important, most worthwhile—as a home for all of us and our children."

Friends of the movement in Redlands point out that previous to the start of the Community Music association the population (Continued on page 6.)

## European Travelers Seek Passport Simplification

PARIS.—(AP)—European traveling, for Europeans, would be as easy as commuting, under the scheme advocated by several travelers' organizations and under consideration by the foreign offices of many countries.

The plan contemplates the use of "European passports" enabling the traveler to journey in any country in Europe without the usual visa annoyances or police surveillance. They would be issued under the authority of an inter-European passport union and would be printed in at least three languages. Actual issuance would be by a committee of the consuls-general of each European country in each capital, who would investigate the applicant. Those unable to satisfy the committee would be forced to travel with the usual national passport.

## SANTIAM DIVERSION PROJECT POSSIBLE

History of Ancient Stream's Connection to Salem Related by Smith

By John E. Smith

Where does the mill race come from? If one follows it eastward it will be found joining Mill creek less than a mile beyond the city limits. The creek channel however, is found to be more or less artificial all the way to Turner where a well-wooded diversion of its waters is turned through the city. From a point near Stayton to Turner Mill creek takes a semi-circular course northward along the foothills past Aumsville. In this segment the channel is also somewhat artificial and within three miles of Stayton it becomes wholly so, its direction being carefully guided through the city from the east where it obtains its permanent supply of water from the North Santiam. This ditch furnishes water power for four cities.

Additional waters are contributed by Beaver creek which enters from the north at some distance west of Aumsville and by Battle Creek from the southwest at Turner. Though the Salem ditch and the irrigation ditch that branches from it east of Stayton and flows past West Stayton to a creek near Pleasant Grove reach a distance of four miles apart, both can carry Santiam water by means of gravity to Turner and the former takes it on to Salem in the same way. The elevation above sea level at the intake about 450 feet, extends through Stayton half a mile, and descends rapidly toward the northwest to 360 feet (Continued on page 3.)

## Fallen Heroes Deserve Homage; Unite Mankind

"To You From Failing Hands We Throw the Torch—Be Yours to Hold It High;" "The Torch Ye Threw to Us We Caught"

By Irl S. McSherry

"In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing fly,  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.  
We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch—be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die,  
We shall not sleep though poppies grow  
In Flanders' fields."

COL. JOHN McCRAE.

## French Create Opposition Against New Talking Films

PARIS.—(AP)—Opposition to the "talking" film has grown to such an extent in France that a "League of Silence" to combat it has been formed by a number of leading cinema critics and producers.

"It is a wonderful invention," say the critics, "but that is no guarantee that it stands for real progress as far as the art of the movie is concerned."

They declare that the film must remain a picture, and that the spoken word is not only superfluous but actually destructive of the imagery and symbolism of the ideal motion picture.

A nation will pause tomorrow, Memorial Day, and commemorate the patriotism and valor of the thousands of brave men who gave their lives that the ideals of this country might be perpetuated. The season will join in this observance and so inspire all to greater sacrifices. Peace and tranquility reign in this land—sunshine and shadows playing over the green hillsides—rippling streams and great rivers winding their silvery courses o'er plain and through peaceful sleepy valleys—the rustling of the waving grain—the gentle sway of the beautiful flowers—the singing of the birds—the soft whispering of the wind in the towering fir trees—all are symbolic of the peace of this Memorial Day.

The spirit of Memorial Day, which came from the Northern states, is one of the nation's most sacred idealisms. Bitterness and hatred have been removed; all unite in a general commemoration. World wars have brought folk of all nations into closer relationship in as much as the graves of our own dead and of our allies encircle the earth. These dead comrades, who gave their lives for their fellow men, are blinding together the hearts of mankind. The spirit of the day has spread until now we have almost a world Memorial Day, which promotes a feeling of brotherhood among the people of the earth.

And so tomorrow people of many nations will pause—and at sunset glow will have been brought closer together after speaking the universal language of flowers and tears in honoring their dead.

In retrospect there comes before our eyes as in a dream the hurry and preparation for war—the hoisterous drums—the silvery calls of the bugles—the tramp of countless feet—the flushed faces of the boys as they go—the pale cheeks of the women—the trench with its slime—the deadly creeping gas—the roaring airplanes—the darting tongues of the liquid flames—the whirlwind charge of men with nerves of iron—the battlefields with their dead and wounded—youths pierced and torn by shot and shell—and then the calm after the storm with the heroes sleeping, each in his windowless place of rest where sun- (Continued on page 3.)

## Leaderless Orchestra Offers Tribute to Dead

An unusual tribute from orchestral players to their conductor was witnessed at the memorial concert given recently by the Los Angeles Philharmonic following the sudden death of their leader, Walter Henry Rothwell, from a heart attack. With their dead conductor on a tier before them, the Los Angeles orchestra played the "Andante Cantabile" from the Tschakowsky String Quartet, with the conductor's stand vacant.

Clifford Lott, singer and close friend of Rothwell, reviewed the conductor's life and then, after a reading of the Nineteenth Psalm, the orchestra men, again without a baton, offered as their final tribute the Allegretto from Beethoven's A Minor Symphony. Rothwell had often said in life: "I feel ennobled, freed from all terrors and bitterness, when I conduct the Allegretto. It is the last expression of peace for me."

## WHEN OREGON WAS STRANGE COUNTRY

Continuing, Jason Lee's Influence in Saving Oregon Country to U. S.

By W. T. Bigdon

(This is the third in a series of articles in The Statesman of Sunday. It is the concluding article, excepting for some additional comments by the author, which are to appear in The Statesman of next Sunday, and perhaps the following issues.)

In Two Years Absence Upon Lee's return from the east he was shocked and horrified at the terrible death rate which had prevailed among the Indian children at the schools during his absence of two years. Every other feature of his work seemed to have progressed as expected but the teaching and the christianizing of the Indian was the object of his missions.

Now if the children were not going to endure the confinement necessary to the vocation of teaching, and the adults were adverse to any kind of manual labor, the saving of the Indian would henceforth be a task with little hope of success. But Jason Lee was not the man to give up without making an heroic effort.

With new recruits seasoned to the work he hoped to give the work improved attention, improved methods, better sanitation, better regulations and be in a better position to pacify the pretensions of the children. The Indians were getting quite suspicious of the white man's motives. The Indians in the upper country were really alarmed that the presence of the white people was the cause of the fast vanishing of the Indian race. A prominent chief, Pu-Pu-mox-mox had sent his son to Lee's mission for several years and now considered his son an educated gentleman. His son got into an altercation with a white man and (Continued on page 4.)

## GREATER GLACIER PARK SCHEDULED

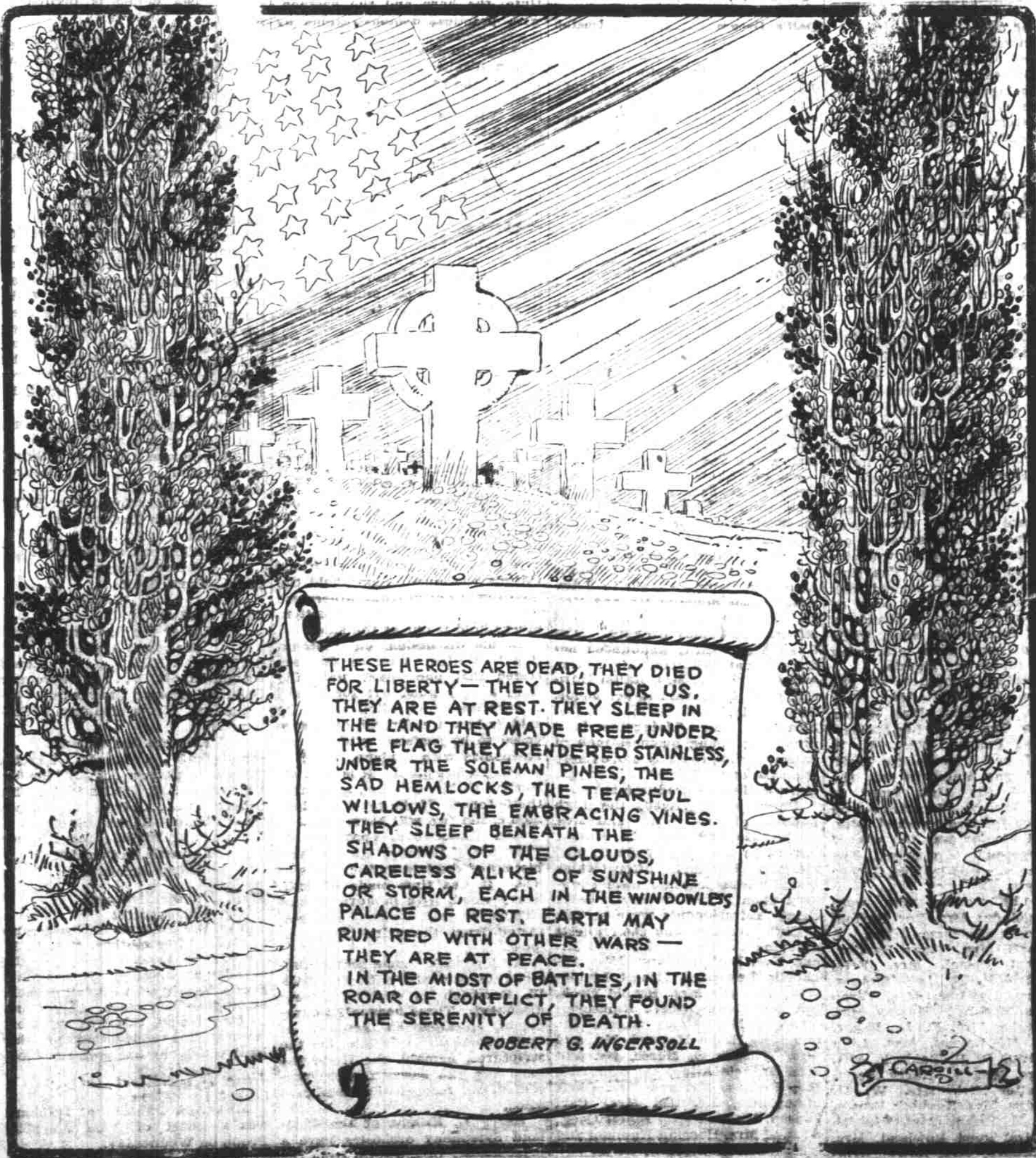
Former Inaccessible Scenic Spots to Open for the Tourist Season

GLACIER PARK, Mont.—(Special)—A Greater Glacier Park is in the making, according to the plans of Uncle Sam in sending J. Ross Eakin back to his old stamping grounds to again take up the administrative work as superintendent of this Rocky mountain tourist playground region. Mr. Eakin, who has been in charge of the Grand Canyon National Park since 1924, replaces C. J. Kraebel who has entered the forestry service.

The National Parks Service is preparing this season for the greatest tourist travel in the history of Glacier Park and Mr. Eakin, who served in France during the World war in the engineering division, is selected to take complete charge of a comprehensive road and trail development program that will open some hitherto inaccessible scenic spots in the heart of the Rocky mountain range. He has been on the job since April 27, and announces that despite unusually heavy snows during the past winter, all roads and trails will be in excellent shape for the opening of the season, June 15th. He engineered the building of some difficult trails in the Grand Canyon and now has been brought back to Glacier National Park on account of his experience in mountain trail work.

The new superintendent said: "We have ample funds to put all trails in first class condition. A constructive trail program has been adopted which insures that all existing trails will be rebuilt and the new ones constructed to the highest standard. Among the most important of the new trails will be one from Parnassus lake to Belly river which will shorten (Continued on page 4.)

## ON AND ON!



THESE HEROES ARE DEAD, THEY DIED FOR LIBERTY— THEY DIED FOR US. THEY ARE AT REST. THEY SLEEP IN THE LAND THEY MADE FREE, UNDER THE FLAG THEY RENDERED STAINLESS, UNDER THE SOLEMN PINES, THE SAD HEMLOCKS, THE TEARFUL WILLOWS, THE EMBRACING VINES. THEY SLEEP BENEATH THE SHADOWS OF THE CLOUDS, CARELESS ALIKE OF SUNSHINE OR STORM, EACH IN THE WINDOWLESS PALACE OF REST. EARTH MAY RUN RED WITH OTHER WARS— THEY ARE AT PEACE. IN THE MIDST OF BATTLES, IN THE ROAR OF CONFLICT, THEY FOUND THE SERENITY OF DEATH.

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